

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I find it outrageous that a company that uses the public airwaves can use its power to make such a blatantly partisan statement against a presidential candidate just days before the election and then try to hide behind transparent shibboleths about how they're supposedly practicing "objective" journalism by inviting Senator Kerry to come on the air and defend himself against their hatchet job.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.